

March 30, (UPI) -- A Tobacco Institute executive today accused scientists attending the American Cancer Society seminar in Louisville, Ky., of being on an "anti-smoking crusade."

Edward F. Ragland, vice president of the tobacco group, said the seminar continues to speculate about the connection between smoking and lung cancer "even when a great deal of other scientific evidence and opinion doesn't back them up."

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, co-author of a study on cigarette smoking and lung cancer, yesterday urged requiring cigarette manufacturers to print the tars and nicotine contents of their products on every pack.

Ragland countered saying "this idea is revived every once in a while by the anti-smoking group, even though they must know by now that there are no standards for measurement of these. And even if there were, there is no way of judging the meaning of any such figures to the individual smokers."

"The tobacco industry is devoting many millions of dollars to research to improve the quality of its products and to study the questions that have been raised about smoking."

"But the anti-smoking campaign is being carried to an extreme when the idea is advanced that the industry can remove something 'harmful' from tobacco that nobody knows is there," Ragland said.

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